



BAY AREA  
AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT



# PUBLIC NOTICE

November 25, 2005

TO: Parents or guardians of children enrolled at the following school(s):

**Phoenix School, Gilroy**  
**Community Day School, Gilroy**  
**South Valley Middle School, Gilroy**  
**El Portal Leadership Academy, Gilroy**

All residential and business neighbors located within 1,000 feet of the proposed new or modified source of air pollution listed below.

FROM: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

RE: Permit Application for the following source of air pollution:

**South County Housing Corporation**  
**111 Lewis Street**  
**Gilroy, California**

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The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (the "District") is a local agency that regulates stationary sources of air pollution such as factories, industrial sites, and gasoline stations.

Whenever we receive a permit application for a new or modified source of toxic air contaminants located within 1,000 feet of a school site, State law requires that we notify the public. To comply with this requirement, we distribute or mail a Public Notice to the parents or guardians of students enrolled at schools located within ¼ mile, and all residents and businesses located within 1,000 feet, of the proposed source.

You are receiving this Public Notice because a permit application has been filed with the District for the above referenced source of air pollution. A description of the proposed project follows:

Underground storage tanks formerly located at this location leaked gasoline into the surrounding soil and contaminated both the soil and groundwater. The tanks have since been removed. To remedy this existing contamination problem, a Soil Vapor Extraction and Treatment System will be operated at this site. On behalf of South County Housing Corporation, Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. has proposed a system consisting of a vacuum blower which will extract petroleum vapor from wells drilled at the site. The extracted vapor will be vented to either a catalytic oxidizer, or two carbon adsorption vessels arranged in series. Emissions from the proposed source will be significantly controlled; however, it is not possible to control the source such that emissions are zero. Because operation of this equipment will result in emissions of pollutants into the atmosphere, a permit is required from the District.

The District has determined that the increase in health risks resulting from toxic air contaminant emissions from the proposed source(s) are within acceptable levels, and that the project will comply with all other applicable air pollution control requirements. Accordingly, the District plans to issue a Permit to Operate for the proposed project.

If you are interested in getting more information on the District's evaluation of this proposed project, you may request copies of the applicable staff report(s) by calling the District at the telephone number listed at the end of this notice. This information also can be viewed or downloaded from the District website at:

[http://www.baaqmd.gov/pmt/public\\_notices/2005/index.htm](http://www.baaqmd.gov/pmt/public_notices/2005/index.htm)

***PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD***

There is a 30-day period for public response to this proposal. If you wish to comment on the proposed project, you may do so in writing or by e-mail. Alternatively, you may call and leave a telephone message up to one minute in length. Please leave your name and telephone number so that a District staff member may respond to your message.

Please use the following contact information if you would like to comment on the proposed project:

Mailing address: South County Housing Corp. Public Notice Response  
Engineering Division  
939 Ellis Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
Attn: Robert Cave

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Telephone Number: (415) 749-5006

The public comment period for this project ends on December 25, 2005.